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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

n re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Confirmation Number: 2195

KEVIN L WASSON ET AL.

Application No.: 10/617,390

Group Art Unit: 3682

Filed: July 11, 2003

Examiner: Hansen, Colby M.

For:

HYDROSTATIC BEARING FOR LINEAR MOTION GUIDANCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

EXTENSION OF TIME

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply. Applicant petitions for a 1 month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136.

FEES

The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA		RATE			ADDIT. FEE		
TOTAL	61	_	61	=	0	х	\$	50.00	=	\$	0.00
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM + \$ 360.00								360.00	=	\$	0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE										\$	0.00
EXTENSION OF TIME FEE										\$	120.00
GRAND TOTAL										\$	120.00

FEE PAYMENT

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$120.00 to Deposit Account No. 033975. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 21, 2006, Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 12, 17-18, 42, 44-49, 59-60, and 62-66). This election is made with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that the restriction requirement is improper as the criteria for a proper restriction requirement set forth in MPEP § 803 has not been satisfied. In particular, it is respectfully submitted that the no serious burden exists to search and examine the entire application.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees associated with the submission of this paper to Deposit Account Number 033975. The Commissioner for Patents is also authorized to credit any over payments to the above-referenced Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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